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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNGA, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE RESPONSE TO SOUTH
AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

1. CONTACT GROUP MET PM APRIL 25 TO DISCUSS WESTERN
FIVE RESPONSE TO SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL.
GROUP AGREED THAT A FORMAL RESPONSE IS NOT NEEDED
AND WOULD SERVE NO POSITIVE PURPOSE FOR THE FIVE.
HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE CORRIDORS,
GROUP AGREED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE FIVE
RESPOND INDIRECTLY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE VORSTER
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STATEMENT BY COMMENTING ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH
HAVE BEEN RAISED AS A RESULT OF VORSTER'S STATEMENT IN
PARLIMENT. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS INDIRECT
COMMENTARY WOULD MOST APPROPRIATELY BE CONTAINED IN THE
SPEECH WHICH THE FRG IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE TOMORROW
MORNING (APRIL 26) IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. THE FIVE AGREED THAT PROPOSED STATEMENT SHOULD DESCRIBE IN STRAIGHTFORWARD FASHION THE CLARIFICATION WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS (AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE KNOWN TO THE OTHER PARTIES) CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL. IT SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR THE FIVE'S POSITION ON THE ROLE OF THE POLICE AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AG/SR. (THE LANGUAGE OF THE STATEMENT WOULD BE DRAWN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY USED BY THE FIVE.) IT WAS ADDITIONALLY AGREED THAT NO MENTION WOULD BE MADE IN PROPOSED STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO WALVIS BAY AT THIS TIME.

3. MEETING ENDED WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT GERMANS WOULD PROVIDE DRAFT TO OTHER FOUR FOR COMMENT. ALL RECOGNIZE THAT ANY COMMENT AT THIS POINT IS DELICATE SINCE THE SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT DOMESTIC AUDIENCE. WE BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY HOWEVER TO ENSURE THAT COMPLETE PICTURE IS PRESENTED ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH RECEIVED ONE-SIDED TREATMENT IN VORSTER STATEMENT. YOUNG

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